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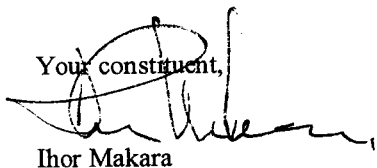
Dear Air Board:

I am writing to express my concern for the future of the Potomac River Generating Station. I have been a resident of Alexandria for 32 years, and I fully support the Mirant and the improvements that they have planned. I think this would be a great thing for our city. The enhancements that will be made to the plant are not only going to make the quality of air in Alexandria better, but also will bring the station back to full running capacity. The jobs that this will create far outweigh what a housing unit will bring for the city.

The Department of Environmental Quality has already approved the changes to the power station. These stack merges will enhance air quality more than higher stacks alone would. Not only are the high stacks impossible because of the airport, but also would be an eye sore. These new stacks will be below the tree line, so that they are not even visible. It seems to me that the improvements that Mirant has planned are winning solutions not only for them, but our whole city as well.

Please consider the people of Alexandria, not just the few that make their voices loud. We want the station to operate at full capacity. Not only does the plant provide electricity but the jobs and tax revenue are irreplaceable. I am sure that a housing complex for the wealthy isn't going to bring in the 2 million dollars that the power plant does. I ask that the Virginia Air Board supports the permit and allows Mirant improve the community.

Your constituent,



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